

1944.

Ledbury Cottage Hospital

Established 1873.

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Matron : MISS B. M. WILLIAMS.

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~~BCS~~ The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers
 and Donors was held on Friday, March 17th, 1944, the
~~1944~~ Rt. Hon. Lord Biddulph in the chair.

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The President's Address.

During the past year, consequent upon the introduction of the Government White Paper on the Health Services, the completion of the findings of the Rushcliffe Committee and the issue of a memorandum on the organisation of Hospital Rehabilitation Departments, the question of the future development of our Hospital system has been brought forcibly to the notice of the general public and has provoked considerable discussion especially among those who are deeply interested in Voluntary Hospitals.

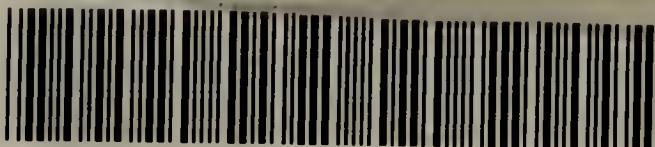
The scales of salaries for all classes of workers in Hospitals have been clarified and only by adoption of these scales in their entirety can a grant be claimed to assist in meeting the additional expense. We are in the happy position of having kept abreast of the increases involved, the Management Committee having adopted the provisional scales when they were introduced and bringing the staff within the scope of the completed scales as soon as notification of their adoption for grant purposes was received.

It will be within memory that the original intention of the Government was to take all hospitals into the re-organized Health Services and it seemed possible that Voluntary Hospitals as such would not find a place in the Scheme. The Leaders of our movement, however, by watchfulness, ceaseless energy and wise action, have succeeded in maintaining to a great extent the liberty of our hospitals within the proposals.

While approving the White Paper suggestions that Hospital and Consultant service shall be accessible to every member of the Community regardless of income limit and the reference in the Paper to the value of the voluntary hospitals services, the Association, of which this Hospital is a member, is very perturbed with regard to the proposals dealing with organisation and finance.

The White Paper makes clear that in order to remain Voluntary Institutions, and thereby preserve their traditional independence and enterprise, the Voluntary Hospitals must continue to receive a substantial proportion of their income from voluntary sources.

It is an historic fact that the Hospitals have always been



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imbued with the spirit of pioneers and that nearly every major discovery in the relief of pain and improvements in the method of detecting and curing disease have been discovered and perfected by them in the course of their daily work.

A most serious omission in the White Paper is the complete lack of reference to the Hospital Contributory Scheme movement which has come to serve three distinct purposes.

(1) It has enabled the average citizen in health to anticipate his need in sickness and by a regular weekly contribution voluntarily given, to secure that his hospital was there ready to receive him or his family without cost when needed.

(2) By securing the membership of nearly eleven millions of people, it has made a contribution to the financial stability of hospitals so great that the complete withdrawal of this source of income would jeopardise the whole system throughout the country.

(3) It has not only encouraged a share of civic responsibility but has secured the personal interest and affection of a mass of people in their local hospital. This object will have to be most closely and seriously considered.

These are just points which the Association wish to emphasise, not personal views, and I leave it to those who are vitally interested in our Hospital to consider closely the situation and to take such action as may be necessary to safeguard our interests and retain not only the efficiency of our service but liberty to carry out that service.

By the new scheme of rehabilitation it will be seen that the changes in the method of nursing and curing patients are taking place and likely to revolutionalise life within the hospitals.

Briefly the underlying idea is to treat all suitable patients in such a way that the period of their convalescence is appreciably shortened. Specially trained nurses and those who have undertaken special courses will be responsible for the organising of the treatment always under medical direction, so that whereas patients who formerly awaited in patience the time when they could be discharged will be encouraged, not only to read as they do now, but to undertake such muscular exercises as may be advantageous, receive massage treatment, occupy themselves in games, mental exercises, puzzles and handicraft of suitable nature according to age and thus remove the retarding influence of introspection.

These are great national developments, indicative of the

trend of public opinion and needs and of scientific research and sound reasoning.

As you will hear of our own hospital from the Chairman of the Committee and the Hon Treasurer, I need only say how grateful the Governors are to that Committee for the care and devotion shown in maintaining the hospital at such a high level ; to the Staff for their loyal and efficient service ; to the Medical Officers for their keen, thorough and active support and to the general public for so liberally supporting the many efforts made on its behalf during the year, for their gifts and subscriptions and their practical interest, by a combination of which Ledbury Hospital has been able to maintain its important usefulness to the town and district.

Report of the Committee of Management

*For the year ending December 31st, 1943,
was read and adopted as follows :—*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We, the Committee of Management of the Ledbury Cottage Hospital, beg to present our 71st annual Report for the year 1943.

At the commencement of the year there were 7 patients in hospital, 583 were admitted, making a total of 590, a decrease of 17 on the previous year.

These cases were made up as follows : Accident 145, Medical 136, Surgical 186 and X-Ray 123 ; the results being, relieved 56, cured 389, died 14, and remaining in at end of the year, 8.

The total number of X-Ray films taken was 241.

Once again our staunch supporters have brought valued assistance to the funds by their efforts. The Bosbury Annual event (Mr W Mosley) produced £25 18s. 3d ; Putley A.F.S. raised £13 2s. 6d. ; Ledbury N.F.S. £6 18s. 9d. ; Ledbury Police and Control Centre Choir £13 3s. 10d. ; Dymock Women's Institute £10 ; The District Motor Agents £13 18s. 6d.

We wish to record our appreciation of the services of Mr. John Lowe (Royal Oak) and Mrs. M. Alexander (New Inn), Much Marcle, and Mrs. E. Lewis "Seven Stars," who for several years past have raised sums for the Hospital at Christmastide.

The following organisations have this year increased their grants :—League of Mercy, £50 ; Ledbury Preserves

Ltd. Employees, £60 ; Ledbury Contributory Scheme £75 ; Malvern Contributory Scheme, £43 18s. Od. ; while the Home Guard Entertainments Committee donated £100 and the Agricultural Red Cross Committee £350 which was further augmented by a direct grant of £60 from the Ledbury Preserves Ltd. Entertainments Committee.

From the Committee of the Colwall "Wings for Victory" Week we received tokens to the value of £65 which have been converted into Savings Certificates — a much appreciated gesture.

Smaller efforts, so very valuable to the Hospital, are recorded with pleasure:— Ledbury Whist and Bridge Committee, Ledbury Police, Mr. Elliott (Rosemount), Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Price, Hill Top Fruit Farm, Mrs. F. W. Taylor, Mrs. Rawlings, Mr. A. Best, Mr. J. Vernall, Factory "B" Shift.

Collections by boxes, a valuable means of assistance, have been most satisfactory. Mr. Stanley Smith's "No 7" box produced £16 13s. 2d. during the year.

To all concerned in the above we tender our most grateful thanks.

By means of bequests the Hospital has benefitted by the following:— The late Miss M. A. Hill £5 (General Fund) ; the late Mr. F. J. K. Fowler £200, of which £100 is to be used as the committee may direct.

During the year building renovations have been impossible and in view of accumulations of repairs and decoration we feel that the reserve fund should be further built up.

The Staff conditions have continued satisfactory despite war conditions, but Nurses Butler and Wells have resigned on personal grounds. We wish to record our appreciation of their faithful service whilst members of the staff.

To the Hon. Medical Officers, the Matron, Nurses and Domestic Staff we tender cordial thanks for the excellent way in which the work at the Hospital has been carried on.

Finally, we are grateful to the many friends who have made gifts in kind and to those who have assisted in any way during 1943.

Comparative Statistics.

	Number of Patients.	Average time of Patient in Hospital.	Average cost to Hospital per Patient.	Average Cost per Patient per day.	Total Expenditure	Total days in Hospital.
1940	... 538	... 9.5	2 16 4	8/8	... 1516	... 3495
1941	... 517	... 10.5	3 4 0	8/7	... 1655	... 3906
1942	... 607	... 10	2 14 1	9/-	... 1641	... 3658
1943	... 590	... 11	3 7 2	9/1	... 1980	... 4013

The Trust Funds of the Hospital are invested as follows: £ s. d.

London C.C. 4½ per cent. Consolidated Stock, 1945/85	443	13	10
Union of South Africa, 3½ per cent. Ins. Stock, 1955/65	389	3	9
East India Railway, 3 per cent., New Debenture Stock	770	0	0
East India Railway, Irredeemable, 4½ per cent. Debenture Stock	..	90	0 0
New South Wales 4 per cent. Stock, 1942/62	363	0	0
3½ per cent War Loan	500	0	0
4 per cent Funding Loan	826	13	8
4 per cent Consolidated Stock	2008	3	6
3 per cent Local Loans	2051	10	9
3 per cent Defence Bonds	1000	0	0
3 per cent Savings Bonds	800	0	0

The above is the list of Securities belonging to the Ledbury Cottage Hospital, and the same is hereby confirmed by us.

Lloyds Bank Ltd., Trustees.

Deeds of Covenant :

Value under Deed :

Mr. J. R. Wharton ..	..	£ 6	6	0
Rt. Hon. Lord Biddulph ..	..	11	5	0
Mrs. J. Jollyman ..	..	4	4	0
Hon. Michael Biddulph ..	..	2	2	0
Mr. E. H. Gunter-Jones ..	..	2	10	0
Mr. L. J. C. Riley ..	..	4	4	0
Rt. Hon. Lord Somers ..	..	6	13	9
Miss E. Coast ..	..	4	4	0
Capt. R. H. S. Bickham ..	..	10	10	0
Mrs. H. S. H. Bickham ..	..	2	2	0
Mrs. J. W. Wilson ..	..	6	0	0
Mr. John Hill ..	..	8	8	0
Mrs. Hopton (Canon-ffromé) ..	..	4	4	0
Mrs. E. Sproule ..	..	4	4	0
Mr. C. B. Masefield ..	..	10	0	0
Mrs. E. Rowlands ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. Philip Powell ..	..	2	2	0
Mr. A. H. J. Fowler ..	..	2	2	0
Mr. W. J. Bray ..	..	4	0	0
Mr. W. Preece ..	..	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. G. Stamp ..	..	4	4	0

List of Subscribers, 1943.

£4 0s. 0d.	Gloucester Mutual Benefit Society.
£3 3s. 0d.	Public Assistance Committee, Messrs H. Weston & Sons.
£2 2s. 0d.	Mr W. H. Bebbington, Miss I. M. Bastard, Miss A. A. M. Thackwell Mrs. A. Spence-Colby, Mr. R. J. Evans, Mrs. Acworth, Mr. M. D. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jameson, Mrs. M. Buck, Mrs. K. M. Bright, Mr. W. L. Pritchett, Mr. W. S. Tetley, Mrs. Brinsley-Sharp, Messrs. Alex Robb & Co. Ltd., Mr. J. W. Hewitt, Messrs. R. Preece & Sons, Mr. E. F. Barnett, Mr. W. L. Crossley, Mr. A. R. C. Turner, Mr. D. H. Thompson, Mr. W. Robinson.
£2 0s. 0d.	Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Heath, Mrs. R. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Singleton.
£1 1s. 0d.	Lloyds Bank Ltd., Mr W. G. Greaves, Miss B. Lake, Miss M. J. Richardson, Mr. G. S. Albright, Rev. R. A. Lyne, Mrs. G. Appleton, Miss E. Appleton, Mr. R. J. Hopkins, Mrs. A. Ford, Ven A. J. Winnington-Ingram, Mr. W. Mosley, Mr. J. W. Martin, Mr. J. Hunt Hickin, Mrs. F. Bray, Mrs. W. D. Blandford, Major A. R. Rowden, Mrs. Palairet, Rev. C. L. Money-Kyrle, Mrs. L. Smyth, Mr. N. H. Todd, The South Wales & C. C. Coal Co. Ltd., Mr. F. W. Juckes, The Misses Smith (Homend Lodge), Mr. F. W. McConnel, National Provincial Bank Ltd., Evendine School of Domestic Economy, Major H. R. R. Fowler, Miss P. Merrivale, Mr. W. Madders, Mr. T. Wilding, Mr. A. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hamar, Midland Bank Ltd., Mr. F. L. Born, Mr. H. C. Hooper, Messrs. J. Meates & Sons, Mr. and Mrs. W. Coley, Messrs. Boots (Chemists) Ltd.
£1 0s. 0d.	Mr. W. J. Bebbington, Mr. E. J. Simmons, Mrs. F. Windle, Mr. J. Barnett, Mrs. M. E. Barlow, Miss M. Smith, Mr. A. T. Thomas, Perseverance Lodge of Oddfellows (Colwall).
10/- ..	Mrs. W. G. Davis, Miss Binyon, Mr. E. J. Allen, Mr. A. Blakemore, Mrs. M. Hamilton, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Miss J. P. Davies, Messrs Milwards Ltd., Mr. A. H. Gorin, Rev. A. B. Spittall, Messrs. L. Tilley & Son, Messrs. F. W. Taylor & Son, Mr. W. Oram, Miss W. M. Chapman, Mr. F. Butler, Mr. A. L. Chapman, Mrs. D. Staunton, Mr. W. H. Lucy.
10/- ..	Mr. A. Hall, Mr. J. Haines.
7/6 ..	Mrs. F. Poulter.
5/- ..	Mr. A. E. Bramley, Mr. P. E. B. Smith, Miss I. Bishop, Mr. R. R. Gabb.

Grants.

		£	s	d
5th Hereford Bn. (Ledbury Coy) Home Guard Entertainments Committee (Mr. E. J. Allen)	...	100	0	0
Dymock Women's Institute (Mrs. Bayliss)	...	10	0	0
Ancient Order of Foresters (Mr. S. Warburton)	...	2	10	0
Malvern District Hospital Saturday Fund	...	43	18	0
Hospital Savings Association	...	15	0	0
Ledbury Preserves Welfare Fund	...	60	0	0
Ledbury District Hospital Saturday Fund	...	76	0	0
League of Mercy	...	50	0	0
Ledbury Preserves Red Cross Entertainments Committee		60	0	0
Ledbury District Agricultural Red Cross Committee (Special Fund)	...	350	0	0
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Entertainments and Efforts.

		£	s	d
Ledbury N.F.S. (Mr. W. Parks)	...	6	18	9
Ledbury Police Dance Committee (Inspector J. Keyte)	...	5	0	0
Bosbury Whist Drive and Dance Committee (Mr. W. Mosley)	...	25	18	3
Mrs. F. W. Taylor (Private Bridge Drive)	...	4	12	6
Mrs. Rawlings	...	1	1	0
Mr. Frank Baldwin (Robin Hood Fund)	...	1	12	0
Putley A.F.S. (Mr. G. W. V. Foxwell)	...	13	2	6
Motor Agents Salvage Campaign (Mr. W. Munden)	...	13	18	6
Rendezvous Club (Mr. S. W. Mills)	...	5	5	0
Factory	...	6	6	0
Mr. J. Lowe (Royal Oak, Much Marcle)	...	4	2	6
Police and Control Centre Choir	...	13	3	10
Mrs. E. Lewis (Seven Stars)	...	7	10	0
Mrs. Alexander (New Inn, Much Marcle)	...	3	0	0
Football—Bosbury v. Trumpet Home Guard (Mr. J. Foster)	...	4	7	0
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Legacies.

		£	s	d
The late Miss A. Hill (General account)	...	5	0	0
The late Mr. F. J. K. Fowler (General account £100)	...	200	0	0
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Donations.

				£	s	d
Anon (Hospital), four donations	3	15	0
Mr. Elliott, Rosemount	1	17	6
Mr. Fred Hodges	...	...	...	10	0	
Mrs. A. Berry	...	...	...	2	6	
Hill Top Fruit Farm	...	...	...	5	0	0
Mr. W. J. Beard	...	...	...	2	0	0
Mr. G. Pitt, May Hill	...	...	...	1	0	0
Post Office Staff	...	...	...	4	0	0
Misses J. and A. Crudginton	...	...	...	1	1	0
Miss F. Hauffman	...	...	...	5	0	
Mr. Jones, dentist	...	...	...	2	0	0
In Memoriam—late Rev. J. J. Agar-Ellis (Mrs. H. Smith, Vineyard, and Miss Johnston)	...	...	...	1	5	0
Mrs. L. Saunders, Dymock	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Lewis, Colwall	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Nevison	...	...	...	1	10	0
Mrs. O. Drinkwater	...	...	...	2	0	0
In Memoriam—late Mrs. K. Barnett (Mrs. E. J. Smith)				10	0	
Anon	...	...	...	50	0	0
In Memoriam—late Mrs. Fletcher (Mr. J. S. C. Davies)				10	0	
Mrs. Lusty	...	...	...	1	7	0
Mr. Vincent W. Yorke (per Capt. Haggard)				5	5	0
Mr. C. A. Preece	...	...	...	5	0	0
Mr. W. Davies, Hill Top	...	...	...	10	6	
Mr. C. F. Davies	„ „	...	...	10	6	
Mr. W. G. Barnes	„ „	...	...	8	6	
Mr. L. Williams	„ „	...	...	17	0	
Mr. Arnold F. Stevens, Reading				1	1	0
In Memoriam—late F. J. K. Fowler (Mrs. Went and Mrs. W. Fowler)	...	...	...	15	0	
Admiral Stapleton Cotton (per Capt. Haggard)				1	3	6
Nurse Foster, Dymock	...	...	...	10	0	
Miss L. M. Robertson, Homme House				1	1	0
Mr. W. A. Maddox	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Hall	1	0	0
Mr. Rudge	10	0	
Anon (E.G.)	10	6	
Anon	1	0	0
Anon (Purchase of Table)				12	14	11
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Church Offertories.

			£	s	d
Putley, per Mr. L. J. C. Riley	2	7	1
Wellington Heath, per Mrs. S. A. Owen	2	2	0
Eastnor, per Mr. H. Humphries	...	...	3	17	6
Haffield, per Mr. R. Hyett	...	...	2	1	6
Munsley, per Miss L. E. Keysell	...	...	3	6	6
Donnington, per Col. C. Spence-Colby	...	...	3	15	0
Ashperton, per Mrs. Powell-Tuck	...	...	2	1	10
Pixley, per Miss R. Townsend	...	...	1	15	2
Bosbury, per Mr. H. E. Lane	...	...	3	0	0
Castle Frome, per Rev. E. J. Roberts	...	...	4	3	3
Fromes Hill, , " "	...	...	4	10	6
Aylton, per Mr. A. F. Heath	...	...	5	9	5
Bromesberrow, per Miss A. Brightmore	...	...	3	15	0
Preston, per Rev. D. Gethyn Jones	...	...	1	1	0
Kempley " " "	...	...	1	1	0
Much Marcle, per Mr. S. Weston	...	...	3	11	1
Ledbury, per Mr. A. L. Chapman	16	1	3
Little Marcle, per Rev. W. Browne	2	4	0
Colwall, per Mr. H. G. Lowe	4	1	4
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Boxes.

			£	s	d
" No. 7 " (Mr. L. Stanley Smith)	16	0	5
A Factory	6	14	1
Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Price, Callendars	5	3	3
Master Stanley Smith	...	...		12	8
Mr. F. L. Born	...	...	2	17	8
Feathers Hotel (Mrs. Parmee)	...	...	1	17	6
Mrs. R. A. Powell, Awnells	...	...	1	18	9
Mr. P. D. Chapman	1	8	0
Hospital	3	2	0
Mrs. Rayner-Wood (Gardens)	2	0	0
Mr. J. Vernal		17	11
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Miscellaneous.

			£	s	d
Refunds		15	6
Colwall Wings for Victory Tokens	65	5	0
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Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 31st December, 1943

Balance Sheet, 1943.

LIABILITIES.	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Sundry Creditors	...			17	2	10			
Building Repairs Fund :									
As at 31/12/42	...			285	0	0			
Allocation from General Fund	1942			400	0	0			
Allocation from General Fund	1943			100	0	0			
	-----			785	0	0			
Special Account:									
Grant from Red Cross Agricultural Committee (not yet allocated)				350	0	0			
Hospital Endowments :									
As at 31/12/42	...			8009	19	9			
Legacy, F. J. K. Fowler, decd.				100	0	0			
	-----			8109	19	9			
Building and Equipment:									
As at 31/12/42	...			5250	0	0			
General Fund:									
As at 31/12/42	...			684	13	2			
Less Transfer to Building Fund				400	0	0			
	-----			284	13	2			
Surplus of Income over Expenditure							6	7	1
	-----						£14803	2	10

Audited and found correct (Sgd) J. W. Martin, Hon. Auditor.